**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

I would like to start this fortnight’s newsletter with a big thank you to those parents and staff who were able to attend our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 18 November. It was encouraging to see so many parents attend a fact filled and very informative evening. It gave us, as a school (P&F and School Board) an opportunity to reflect on the year and also to give our Future Focus for 2015. Quinton Hoffmann, School Board Treasurer, also delivered our budget for 2015 including the schedule of fees. Please note that my Principal’s report from the evening will also be placed onto our school website toward the end of this term.

**BUSY BEE**

A huge thanks to those parents who were able to come along to our Busy Bee on Saturday 8 November. Although our numbers were lower than we expected, we were able to achieve our goals for the morning. We even had a good number of students who came along with their parents to help as well. You were all magnificent and your efforts are greatly appreciated by all of us especially the students for whom we do this work for.

**ART SHOW/OPEN NIGHT**

WOW! What a fantastic evening we had last Friday. The classes looked amazing and the children were able to show off their wonderful work. Mrs Hull-Deane transformed our school hall into a field of beautiful colour (congratulations, Wendy!) while Bee Thornton and Tracey Hollis provided us with some magnificent pieces of art from local artists. The P&F supplied food and drinks, the Choir and various solo acts provided us with music along with Mr Leeder and in turn I think everyone had a great night. Thank you to all our school community for your attendance and support of this event and for the great feedback we also received.

**COOKING GRAND FINAL –WINNERS!!!**

In our last newsletter I eluded you to Lucy and Emma Beckett making the Grand final of ‘The Big Bethanie Bake Off’ Grand Final. This occurred last Wednesday and I am happy to announce that the girls received first place. What a tremendous effort! Congratulations to both Emma and Lucy!

I have invited the girls to take on some permanent work in the canteen for next year and help Mrs Audino. I am waiting for their response!!! MMMM!

Please read the important information on page two!
IMPORTANT: PARENTS BE AWARE

Computer use and Cyber safety information...
Parents, over this week I have had to talk with a few students in relation to internet use at home and on social media sites, such as Youtube and Instagram. Although this is happening at home and not at school, and it should be a home matter, it has come to our attention that some students are spreading stories of what they see or what someone else has seen on the net. Hence, this is why I have spoken to the students and made them aware of the dangers of these actions and also spoken to them about some of the inappropriate sites being visited.
I urge ALL parents to please visit our school website and search for the, ‘Mary’s Mount Primary School Cyber Safety Information for Parents’. Please read through this information and talk to your child. Also be aware of what they are searching for on the net and always try to have the computer in an area where you can see what is on the screen. We thank you for your support in this matter!

ST VINCENT de PAUL

On Wednesday morning at our Kindy assembly our students were very proud to present the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal with many baskets overflowing with food items. I am so proud at the generosity of our school community year after year. For such a small school we are fantastic! Many thanks to the families who donated to this very, very needy cause. You will be making someone’s Christmas just that little bit easier!

BOARD...

I would like to thank all our wonderful staff and parents for their attendance at our AGM on Tuesday night. We had a wonderful response to the evening. This will be my last newsletter for the year as a School Board representative. After many years at Mary’s Mount our family leaves the school this year with our last child, Lachlan finishing in Year 6. Our time at this school has been nothing but great memories and it is a sad moment for us. I’d like to thank our staff for giving our children a fabulous primary experience and thank the school community for supporting the school year after year. wishing you all a very safe and happy Christmas.
Justin Pavlinovich
School Board Chair Person.

Temporary Grounds Person 3 Days per week

This is a temporary position 3 days per week commencing 1 January 2015 (this date may be negotiable), until 31 December 2015 with the possibility of becoming ongoing.
We seek an experienced, and or suitably qualified, dynamic, grounds person/handyman to be a part of a collaborative team.
The successful applicant will demonstrate pride in their work and a genuine desire to play their part in enhancing the learning environment for students and help to preserve the school assets.
Further information is available by contacting the school office on 9293 2800.
Closing date: Friday 28 November 2014

UNIFORM SHOP

Please remember to purchase your uniform requirements for next year before the end of 2014. Orders can be placed online, through the school office or purchased direct from the Uniform Shop on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 8.30am to 9.00am

BAKERS DELIGHT DOUGH RAISER PROGRAM

Don’t forget to show your card or mention Mary’s Mount when you make your purchases at Bakers Delight Kalamunda or High Wycombe. They will donate 5% of the purchase amount back to the school.
Please support this program and help us raise funds for the benefit of the students at Mary’s Mount. Additional cards are available from the School office.
PLEASE NOTE: As we are sure you can appreciate, we will not be reordering stock between now and the end of the year as we don’t want to hold stock over the holidays, therefore some items may run out and be unavailable to order. If items are not on the online ordering list then this means they are unavailable. Thank you for your understanding regarding this.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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AS YOU CAN SEE BELOW ON THE CANTEEN ROSTER, WE HAVE NO HELPERS FOR MANY DAYS. PLEASE, PLEASE, CONSIDER HELPING OUT, IF ONLY FOR A SHORT TIME, WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

P&F NEWS

Choir Robes—Sewing Bee—HELPERS NEEDED!!!
The "sewing bee" would be next Wednesday 26 November in the Library at 9.00am and morning tea will be supplied.

We need about 10 sewers and the robes shouldn’t take too long to make, as they are very straight-forward.

Helpers please bring in your sewing machine and white thread.
If you can help would you please email Debarro.Jo@cathednet.wa.edu.au.

Bakers Delight Christmas Tart Fundraiser
Please check your child’s bag for the order form. Orders must be returned to school by Friday 28 November. Just put your order form and money in the box in the school office.

Art Show
Last Friday we held the school’s annual Art Exhibition. The evening consisted of beautiful works of art by our students as well as amazing pieces from local community artists. We had a sausage sizzle, entertainment and raffle prizes to be won, the community atmosphere was great!

We would like to extend special thanks to two wonderful mums who dedicated their time and effort to sourcing local art and displaying it for all to see. Bee Thornton and Tracey Hollis, your efforts are much appreciated by all!

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to experience this amazing art!

Thanks also to Liz Appleby from Bakers Delight Kalamunda for her extremely generous donation of pizzas and bread rolls. It is greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to our wonderful Art teacher Wendy Hull-Deane for all your efforts and for encouraging our students to produce such wonderful art! Thank you for also donating the wonderful art packs for the raffle.

AGM
On Tuesday the AGM took place for this year. The P&F are looking for new members to join the committee for next year. Thank you to the parents who have already come forward and committed to the P&F for 2015, it is much appreciated!

Thank you.

P&F Committee
St Brigid’s College Lesmurdie

It is not too late to enrol for entry to St Brigid’s College in 2015. Vacancies exist for girls in Years 7 and 8. Application forms are available by telephoning the College on 9290 4237 or by downloading an application form from the College website at www.stbrigids.wa.edu.au.

Holy Family Parish News

2014 Christmas Eve Nativity Play
Children interested in taking part in this year’s Nativity Play are welcome to attend the rehearsals at the Holy Family Church

Mondays December 1, 8, 15 and 22
3.45pm—4.45pm

Enquiries to the Parish Office or call Rose on 0409 373 285 or Shirley on 9454 5686.
The Nativity Play will take place before the Christmas Eve Mass 6.00—6.20pm

SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER
PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY
MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OR ON THEIR WEBSITE

Victoria Square
PERTH WA 6000
Early in 2015, Mercedes College will commence interviewing Year Five students who are due to start Year Seven in 2017. If you are considering enrolling your daughter at Mercedes and have not yet requested an information pack, please contact Mrs Julie Lamb on 9323 1340 as soon as possible. Further information about enrolments is available on our website, www.mercedes.wa.edu.au.
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